

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting

Casanova Center, Director's Conference Room

January 17, 1996

Committee Members and Guests Present: Ralph Barnhard, Bill Dellinger, Gary Gray, Judith Grosenick, Andy Halpern, Tom Heinonen, Jim Isenberg, Ken Kempner, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Kanealii Osorio, Lou Osternig, Lynne Rossi, Susan Trafton, and Debbie Nankivell.

NCAA Self-Study Update

Since the NCAA self-study will not take place this year after all, Sandy Walton's presentation was postponed to a later date. Next year's committee will be involved in the self-study process.

SOAR Classes

The group discussed issues concerning the high grades received by student-athletes in the SOAR classes last term. During the first term it became apparent that the grading scale, point system, and extra credit options provided most students with the means to achieve A's. The syllabus for this term's classes has changed with the outcome expected to be a more normal distribution of grades.

Additional issues included whether nonstudent-athletes would/could enroll and whether future classes should be set up as pass/no pass.

Ralph Barnhard stated that he appreciated the fact that Gary Gray and his staff had looked into the grade situation early and were working to alleviate the problem.

Updates from Track Coaches

Bill Dellinger, men's track coach, and Tom Heinonen, women's track coach, attended the meeting to update the committee on their programs.

Tom discussed changes in NCAA regulations affecting the track program. Track and field is allowed fewer coaches for more diverse events in comparison to other sports. The restricted earning coach designations have made it difficult to adequately compensate experienced coaches. The number of scholarships allocated to women's track & field have been increased to 18, while men's track & field has remained at 12.6 based on gender equity considerations.

Bill has been associated with the university for a number of years, first as a student, and then as a coach. During his years at the UO, he has seen the number of men's track & field scholarships change from having no limit, to 34, then 24, and now 12.6. The 12.6 scholarships are broken up to provide assistance to about 25 student-athletes. Since the UO's tuition is high, other schools often have an advantage in allocating scholarship funds to more student-athletes. Bill stated that working with such great, hard-working student-athletes helps him keep a positive attitude.

NCAA Restructuring Update

Jim O'Fallon will provide more information about the NCAA convention, including restructuring of the NCAA at our next meeting.

Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting will be held at Heritage Hall in the Bowerman Building on Thursday, February 15, 1996. A tour has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m., with the meeting set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Topics for the next meeting:

- C Barbara Walker - Gender Equity Task Force
- C Jim O'Fallon - NCAA Convention
- C Mike Bellotti - UO Football Program

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